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P 152233Z JUN 77 FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3836 INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM AMEMBASSY LISBON AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 138097

- 1. TOOK UP AID TO PORTUGAL WITH EXTAFF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY TOWE.
- 2. TOWE SAID HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET TO MINISTERS ON THIS ISSUE AND DOUBTS CANADA WILL HAVE A FINAL POSITION TO PUT FORWARD BY JUNE 22.
- 3. AFTER CANVASING ALL POSSIBILITIES, TOWE DOUBTS THAT CANADA WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER ANYTHING OTHER THAN \$15 MILLION GRANT WHEAT AID. GOVERNMENT IS NOT DISPOSED TO GO FOR SPECIAL UNTIED LOAN AUTHORITY FROM PARLIAMENT FEARING CRITICISM THAT THIS WOULD ONLY BE EXPORT FINANCING FOR JAPAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM A COUNTRY ALREADY RUNNING A MAJOR PAYMENTS DEFICIT; PORTUGAL IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AID UNDER CURRENT LEGISLATION; AND EXPORT LOAN WOULD HAVE SHORT PAY OUT AND LITTLE ASSISTANCE VALUE. TOWE IS CONSCIOUS THAT UMR FOR PORTUGAL MIGHT BE AN ISSUE, BUT SAYS HIS ANALYSES PROJECT INCREASING DEMAND FOR WHEAT IMPORTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION IN KIND IS ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE AUTHORIZE ME TO SIGNAL SO TO OTTAWA IMMEDIATELY. ONLY THAT WAY ARE WE LIKELY TO HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING A REASONABLY FIRM CANADIAN POSITION BY JUNE 22. ENDERS

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